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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT A

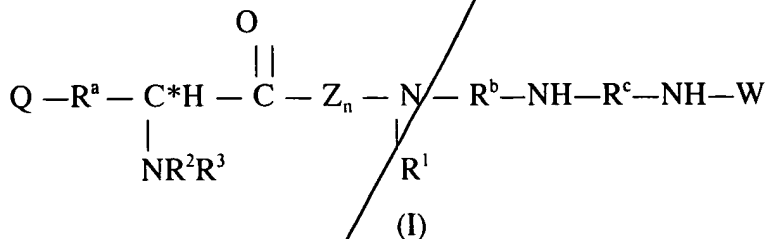
In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2001, Applicants request further consideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 as follows:

1. (Amended) A substantially pure compound having the formula (I)



wherein:

Q represents an amidino group, a cyano group or a group of formula XYN-, where